

US 12 Sauk City to Middleton

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2004 construction report

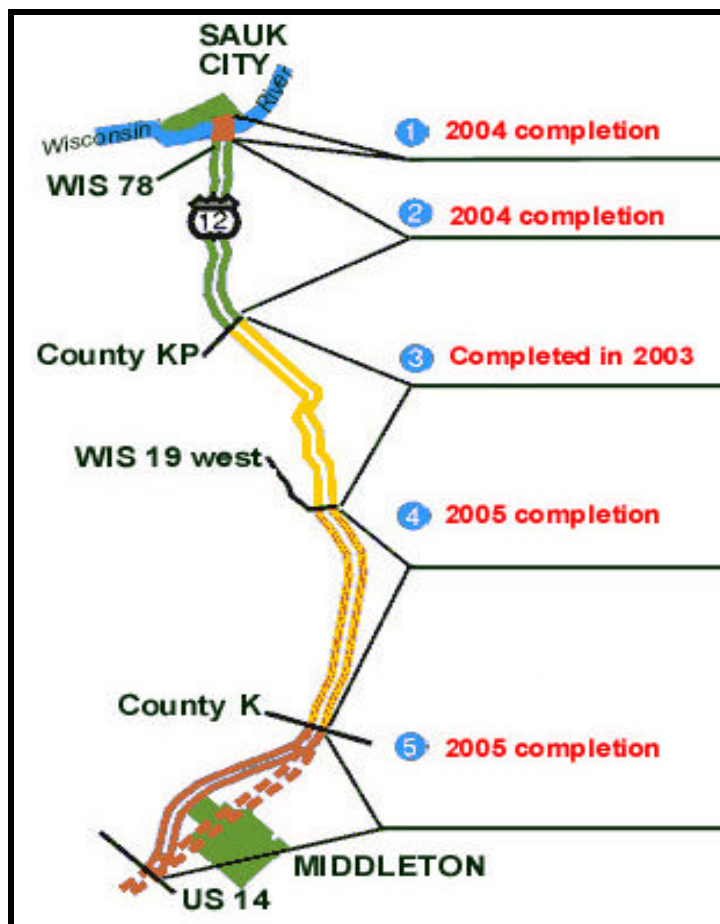
Introduction

Construction on the new US 12 four-lane highway between Sauk City and Middleton is definitely in the home stretch (see map).

The County KP to WIS 19 segment (Springfield hill) has already been completed. At the end of the 2004 construction season, two additional segments will be completed:

- Wisconsin River bridge in Sauk City (John Adams Street to WIS 78)
- WIS 78 to County KP

Also in 2004, paving operations will start in the WIS 19 west to County K segment and work will continue on bridges and roadway grading in the Middleton bypass (County K to US 14) segment. The entire project will be completed in 2005.



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Contact information

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Additional information is available at www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/d1/us12/index.htm.



2004 construction highlights

Wisconsin River bridge (John Adams Street to WIS 78)

The new US 12 westbound bridge over the Wisconsin River and reconstruction of the US 12/Water Street intersection west of the bridge were substantially completed in fall 2003. Grading operations east of the bridge were also started.

Finishing touches on the old US 12 bridge (eastbound bridge) are targeted for completion in August 2004. The steel beams on the old bridge are being sandblasted and repainted. Sandblasting requires an enclosure to prevent the old paint chips from getting into the river. The concrete bridge parapets and retaining walls are also being painted.



Work will also continue this summer on the sidewalk and stairway leading to the paved bike path along the west bridge abutment. Landscaping in the park area next to Weaver Auto Parts and along the bike path will be completed as part of the US 12 construction from the bridge to County KP. Features will include a landscaped boulder outcropping, block terrace area, walking path, benches, shrubs and colorful plant groupings. Most work on the bridge and bike path is expected to be completed in August 2004.



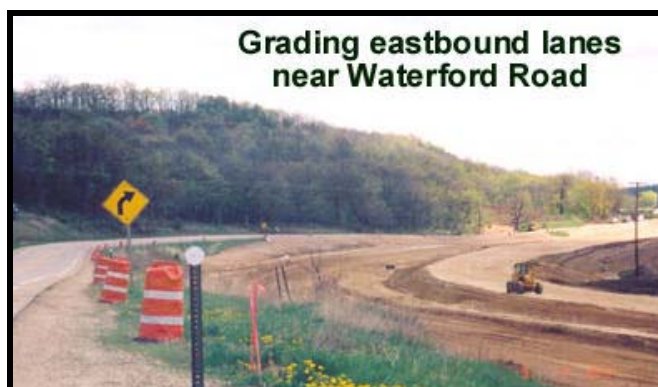
2004 construction highlights

WIS 78 to County KP

Construction on the WIS 78 to County KP segment started in late summer 2003 with temporary roads to handle traffic during the 2004 construction season and work on the new structures over Roxbury Creek.

The Roxbury Creek structures are done and roadway grading is underway on the eastbound lanes between County Y and County KP. Traffic will be switched to the eastbound lanes and Roxbury Creek structure sometime in June 2004. The following road closures can be expected in 2004:

- The WIS 188 intersection will be closed for a maximum of 30 calendar days in July or August with a detour on WIS 78/60 (Water Street) through Sauk City and the WIS 60 bridge over the Wisconsin River in Prairie du Sac
- The County Y intersection will be closed for a maximum of 30 calendar days (possibly in September) with a detour on WIS 78
- The WIS 188 and County Y intersections will not be closed at the same time.



2004 construction highlights

County KP to WIS 19 west

Although the new four-lane highway in this segment was completed in October 2003, two-way traffic will continue to use the new eastbound lanes until the entire four-lane highway is open in 2005.

WisDOT made this decision to enhance safety for the traveling public and highway construction crews. Opening short stretches of four-lane road with temporary crossovers connecting to the two-lane road on each end creates a safety concern when motorists attempt to pass unsafely and jerk back into their lane before the crossovers. These types of maneuvers have caused numerous crashes and are extremely hazardous for other motorists and construction crews working in the vicinity.



2004 construction highlights

WIS 19 west to County K

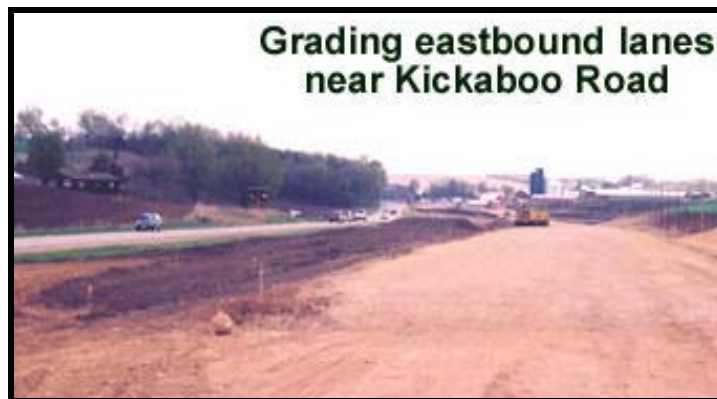
Grading on this US 12 segment was started in 2003 and will continue in the 2004 construction season. Paving operations are scheduled to start in June 2004 at the following locations:

- Westbound lanes from new Business 12 connection one mile south of County K to Fisher Road
- Eastbound lanes from just south of Meffert Road to just north of Kickaboo Road
- Westbound lanes from one mile south of WIS 19 east to just north of WIS 19 east
- Eastbound lanes from just north of WIS 19 east to link up with completed eastbound lanes at WIS 19 west

The current plan is to switch traffic in July 2004 from old US 12 to the new westbound lanes in the stretch from one mile south of County K to Fisher Road.

Side roads expected to be temporarily closed during paving operations include:

- County K (east leg)
- Fisher Road
- Kickaboo Road
- WIS 19 west



Road closures will last a maximum of 30 days and detour routes will be marked for County K and WIS 19 west. Kalscheur and Pertzborn roads will remain open.



2004 construction highlights

Middleton bypass (County K to US 14)

Construction on the Middleton bypass continued through the winter months in 2003 and early 2004. Preliminary grading for most of the new bypass roadway has been completed.

Because the Middleton bypass has several bridges, special traffic handling requirements, and the challenge of connecting the bypass to old US 12, construction is being staged to minimize disruption to travelers. WisDOT will continue providing periodic news releases and posting construction updates on their Web site. Interested persons are encouraged to visit the Web site on a regular basis to find out what's happening (www.dot.wisconsin.gov/projects/d1/us12/index.htm).

Reconstructing the US 12/US 14 (West Beltline) interchange started in February 2004 with demolition of the existing eastbound Beltline bridge, lane closures on the Beltline and construction of the new eastbound Beltline bridge.

The following work on the US 12/West Beltline interchange is expected to be completed at the end of July 2004:

- US 12 eastbound lanes and US 14 westbound lanes in the vicinity of the interchange
- US 12 eastbound entrance and exit ramps
- US 12 eastbound bridge over US 14

By the end of December 2004, the following additional work will be completed:

- US 12 westbound lanes and US 14 eastbound lanes in the vicinity of the West Beltline interchange
- US 12 westbound bridge over US 14 and approaches to the bridge

During the remaining work on the US 12/West Beltline interchange, there will be two westbound through lanes and one eastbound through lane open on the West Beltline between the US 12 interchange and Greenway Boulevard. Over winter, all US 12/West Beltline interchange ramps and the West Beltline will have two lanes in each direction.

